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WE WANT SOLUTIONS (NOT CUTS) FOR SCHOOLS

TALLAHASSEE – Democratic members of the House PreK-12 Education Appropriations Committee on Thursday demanded a halt to committee action that would propose to cut another \$1.3 billion from public schools.

Democratic members of the committee opposed a move by the committee's Republican leadership that would seek a 15-percent across-the-board reduction in school spending.

"This is a time to offer solutions, not additional cuts," said Representative Dwight Bullard, D-Miami.

"These proposed cuts would seriously harm schools and be catastrophic to the state's class-size reduction efforts," said Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed, D-Deerfield Beach.

Democratic members of the committee said it was irresponsible and premature for the committee to recommend education spending reductions before Governor Crist's proposed budget is presented to lawmakers.

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